

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:*

Within the domain of petroleum, the term, "resin" usually denotes constituents which have been eluted ~~on~~ from solid adsorbents by means of polar solvents. Thus, the resins are usually characterised by their polarity rather than by their chemical nature; hence, the use of separation methods for the purpose of isolating them.

*Please add the following subheading beginning on page 13, before line 18 as follows:*

**Brief Description of Drawing**

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:*

For a better understanding, a preferred embodiment of the process of the invention is illustrated in Figure 1. This embodiment is given by way of example and is in no way limitative in character. This illustration of the process of the invention does not comprise all of the ~~compounds~~ components needed for its implementation. Only the elements needed to understand the invention have been shown there, the skilled person being capable of completing the drawing in order to carry out the invention.

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 25, with the following amended paragraph:*

The hydrocarbon charge is sent via the conduit 1 to a vacuum distillation ~~volume~~ column 2. From that distillation column, a light fraction is drawn off via the conduit 3, a heavy fraction is drawn off via the conduit 4, and a vacuum residuum is drawn off via the conduit 5.

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:*

40 kg of the heavy fraction was mixed with propane in a reactor which is agitated and

which has a volume ratio of solvent/heavy fraction of 8/1. The mixture is brought to 90°C, and is agitated for 60 minutes. After that time, agitation is stopped, and the mixture decants for 90 minutes so as to bring about the separation of two phases. The ~~purified phase of~~ depleted in resins at the top of the output and the phase rich in resins at the bottom of the output are drawn off separately and treated so as to evaporate the propane.

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:*

The ~~purified phase of the~~ depleted of resins and the phase rich in resins following evaporation of the propane have the following properties, in comparison with that of the heavy fraction:

*Please replace the heading at column 3, line 6, with the following header:*

~~Purified fraction of~~ Fraction Depleted of resins